

Historical hot spot



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Aggieville business district originated with a laundromat in the late 1800s. In a 1929 Manhattan Mercury article, Aggieville was described as “a village by itself,” as is evidenced in this 1938 photo (LEFT). Today (RIGHT), it has grown much from the past and is now a center for college students, all in the historical heart of Manhattan.

Aggieville’s colorful past leads to student-oriented atmosphere today

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Nestled in the heart of Manhattan is Kansas’ oldest shopping district. It is riddled with signs of college life and a thriving community. An assortment of bars, restaurants and local shops line a street that never sleeps.

Aggieville has been a K-State tradition for more than a century. As the university has grown and developed, so has this historic district. To the residents of Manhattan, Aggieville is more than just an area to shop or dine; it is a place to indulge in history.

The Riley County Historical Museum contains many historical documents like newspapers that trace Aggieville’s history.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the late 1800s, George W. Evans built a small frame building on Manhattan Ave. — just north of Moro — and turned that building into a laundromat. This would become the beginning of Aggieville.

J. W. Evans, George’s son, would recount this beginning time and time again in the 1945 issues of the Morning Chronicle. At the time the laundromat

was created, the Manhattan population was a mere 1,750 individuals and 58 houses were scattered throughout the area.

“There were farms in the area, and sometimes the people that had farms would run out of room for students,” said Dan Walter, appointed Aggieville historian. “It depends on what you call a business. In terms of retail, the laundromat is credited with being the first business.”

Kansas State University of Agriculture and Applied Science could be seen in the distance, with Anderson Hall towering above the horizon. The path was muddy, and the Aggieville area was labeled a “swamp land,” rarely visited by students or residents.

Soon after the laundromat moved into the area, a grocery store followed. By 1902, Aggieville had four buildings: the laundromat, grocery store, boarding club and a shed housing a bakery.

This was just the foundation upon which a new community would be built.

100-YEAR FLASHBACK

The Students Co-operative had just voted to build a bookstore on the northeast corner of Manhattan and Moro Street

in 1908. The plan was to create a bookstore that was fireproof and would include a restaurant. William Hopper purchased the contract to build the first bookstore in a nearly desolate area for \$300.

In 1909, an article titled “Steady Growth” in the Manhattan Nationalist told of Aggieville’s expansion with “its new meat market, its two grocery stores, two restaurants, one book store and two barber shops.”

With this growth, the merchants of Aggieville became anxious to see paved roads in the area. They knew paved roads would bring greater foot traffic to the area.

Their persistence for growth did not immediately bring paved streets, but business boomed within the next year as several more stores greeted the vicinity. In 1913, Aggieville was home to 22 shops, including four grocery stores, two book stores, one candy-ice cream shop, two restaurants, two tailorshops and a clothing store.

“Between 1910 and 1920 is when Aggieville really took off,” Walter said. “There were people coming to the area for business, and in 1915, some of the business owners got together and formed the Aggieville Commer-

cial Club, which is comparable to the Chamber of Commerce for Aggieville interest. Rather than developing it as a faculty housing area, the corner was turned into a retail area.”

Soon, more convenient transportation entered the area as a trolley ran on tracks through the center of Aggieville. With an influx in business and community interest, Aggieville began to be acknowledged as an intricate part of the community and college. A 1929 Manhattan Mercury article even defined Aggieville as “a village by itself.”

50-YEAR FLASHBACK

With the return of military personnel from World War II, Aggieville boomed. Not only were more people living in the Manhattan region, but a flood in 1951 also left the downtown of Manhattan unusable for a period of time in which Aggieville was able to become the premier shopping center.

“When the GIs came back, there were just a lot of people to serve and business flourished,” Walter said. “The ‘50s was a very prosperous time for Aggieville. It was a full-service shopping center. There was a wide variety of businesses in the area, and you could do all

of your shopping here.

“At some of the restaurants, the lunch trade was very important to them, and they had limited seating so you could only stay for a limited time. We wouldn’t put up with that these days,” Walter said.

“They tried to get people up and out and serve good, full meals at reasonable prices. It wasn’t until the early ‘60s that you started to see the emergence of fast food — pizza and burgers.”

The fast-food craze became so strong in the 1960s that hamburgers were six for a dollar and the hottest new place to eat was Pizza Hut, which still graces Aggieville today and is known as the world’s oldest continually-operated franchise.

25-YEAR FLASHBACK

To continue interest in this bustling shopping center, the mayor of Manhattan created a Signage Program in 1986. The Signage Program would introduce a slew of new signs and banners designed to add “an extra dash of color” to the atmosphere.

Apparently, the signs and banners did catch the eyes of passersby, and Varney’s, an

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Today Show anchor visits ‘Little Apple’ businesses

By Whitney Hodgins
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In a meeting with NBC News producers last week, Nightly News and Weekend Today anchor Lester Holt decided a visual comparison of The Big Apple and The Little Apple during these politically-charged months would make for an informative segment. He started his investigation at Kite’s Bar and Grill during the Tuesday lunch hour.

Approximately 50 people were there when a two-man camera crew followed Holt past the dance floor directly to a full table.

Holt said he came to Kansas to start a conversation about culture-specific politics and would end it in New York.

“There was a sub-text in the Democratic and Republican National Conventions that showed a cultural break between regions, not just a political one, and I wanted to tap into the conversation,” Holt said. “We all want what’s best for the country, but different cultures see it through a different lens. [Regional culture] tends to be insular and people tend to think



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

NBC News and Weekend Today anchor Lester Holt interviews Manhattan residents in Kite’s Bar and Grill on Tuesday. Holt and his crew were making comparisons between the political environment of the “Big Apple” and the “Little Apple.”

alike. Sometimes in Manhattan, New York we forget there is life past the Hudson River.”

Holt said many New Yorkers think of Kansans as conservative gun

lovers because of their portrayal in the media. Rep. Sydney Carlin — D, who came to Kite’s for the taping,

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K-State’s Dining Services receives national award

By Emily Aldredge
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

From Thanksgiving dinners to normal Monday lunches, K-State’s Dining Services has been recognized again for going above and beyond the college dining standards.

This summer, the National Association of College and University Food Services gave K-State awards in the Loyal E. Horton Dining competition, according to an Aug. 26 press release.

“We know we do a good job,” said Mary Molt, assistant professor in Housing and Dining Services, “but it’s always nice to have someone outside recognize that our standards are higher than most others in the country.”

The Horton awards are given for “successful ideas in menus, presentations, special event planning and dining concept,” according to

the press release. K-State received third place for all medium-sized schools. In addition, K-State has won more Horton awards than any other university in the last 20 years, Molt said.

K-State Dining Services also won the Most Innovative Nutrition Program award based on the staff’s work to help student residents make healthy food choices.

“The students may not care about the awards, but they care about the service we provide, the quality we provide and the food we provide,” Holt said. “I have never heard one student with a negative comment.”

Individuals who contribute to their school’s dining program also have the opportunity to be recognized. Missy Schrader, a dietitian who works with Dining Services, received the

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CHIVALRY

Some K-State students share their beliefs about what has happened to chivalry. Is it dead? Find out what they said.

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HUCK BOYD LECTURE SERIES

Marlin Fitzwater, press secretary to Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, will deliver the ninth annual Huck Boyd Lecture in Community Media at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in Forum Hall of the K-State Student Union at Kansas State University.

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TO THE DENTIST AFTER SO MANY YEARS, YOU
COULD CALL IT THE MOMENT OF TOOTH.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals P

YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN

OK, SO YOU SAY THAT THE GUY WHO LIVED HERE BEFORE CREATED YOU. THEN TRIED TO GET RID OF YOU?

YEAH, PRETTY MUCH. HE TOLD ME THAT I HAD A BAD ATTITUDE AND THAT HE COULDN'T AFFORD TO SUPPORT MY RAGING ALCOHOLISM. HE CALLED ME A "LIABILITY".

SO HE BURIED YOU?

TRIED TO?

YEAH... HE TRIED TO.

WELL HE GOT HALFWAY THERE BEFORE I USED MY SATANIC POWERS TO DRIVE HIM MAD FORCING HIM TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE. IT'S STANDARD "POSSESSED DOLL OPERATING PROCEDURE".

OK, WOW.

YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT AN EVIL DOLL ISN'T LIKE A MISCARRIAGE. YOU CAN'T JUST FLUSH IT DOWN THE TOILET AFTER YOU GET TIRED OF PLAYING WITH IT.

OK, WOW.

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

MY PLAN WAS TO BIDE MY TIME AND JUST WAIT AROUND FOR SOME POOR SUCKERS TO FIND ME.

WONDERFUL. SO I GUESS YOU'LL BE STAYING FOR A WHILE THEN.

YUP! I'M YOUR PROBLEM NOW! LET'S GO GET DRUNK AND SET SOMETHING ON FIRE!

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY


MONDAY

1900 Deadly hurricane destroys Galveston, Texas

1974 Ford pardons Nixon

1966 *Star Trek* premiers

1998 McGuire passes Maris as the new MLB "Home Run Hero"




THURSDAY

2001 Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers

1921 Silent-film star Fatty Arbuckle wrongfully accused of rape and murder

2001 New York Stock Exchange closes



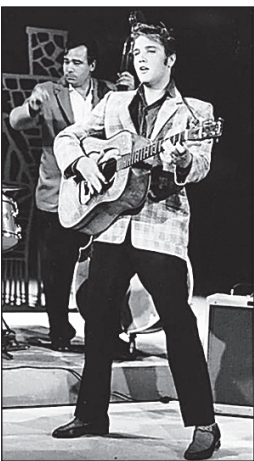
TUESDAY


1919 The Boston Police Department goes on strike

1965 Sandy Koufax pitches a perfect game

1956 Elvis appears on Ed Sullivan

1981 Blackout at the Stock Exchange






WEDNESDAY

1897 First drunk-driving arrest

1977 The guillotine falls silent

1993 *X-Files* premiers

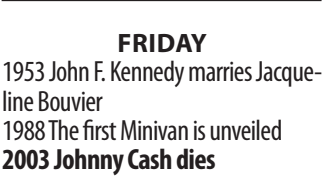


FRIDAY

1953 John F. Kennedy marries Jacqueline Bouvier

1988 The First Minivan is unveiled

2003 Johnny Cash dies



THE BLOTTER
ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

Dedee Danielle Davis, 2326 Bellehaven Road, was arrested at 9:46 a.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$3,000.
Nicholas Joseph Kraus, 521 Osage St., was arrested at 11:10 a.m. for burglary of a building, manufactured home, mobile home, tent or other structure which is a dwelling, with intent to commit a felony, theft or sexual battery therein. Bond was set at \$6,000.

THURSDAY'S WEATHER



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Career and Employment Services will sponsor Job Search for International Students at 4 p.m. on Thursday in the K-State Student Union Big 12 Room. For more information, go to www.k-state.edu/ces.

The K-State Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2009 K-State Student Ambassadors. Nomination forms can be submitted online or downloaded at www.k-state.com/studentambassadors. Applications must be submitted online or delivered to the Alumni Center by 5 p.m. on Sept. 25.

Intramural entries for punt/pass/kick, ultimate, and men's and women's 4-on-4 sand volleyball are being accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Pamela S. Soltis from the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida will give the lecture, "Polyploid

evolution in plants: genetic and genomic consequences" at 4 p.m. Friday in Ackert 120. Coffee and cookies will be served prior to the seminar. The Division of Biology is sponsoring the lecture.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of David Strohm at 10 a.m. Friday in Blumont 16E.

Career and Employment Services will organize a résumé critique from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in Holtz Hall. For more information, go to www.k-state.edu/ces.

The College of Business Administration will have an orientation meeting for prospective CIMBA-Italy Study Abroad Students at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Calvin 209.

The WildKAT Chase is a 5K run/walk through campus at 9 a.m. on Sept. 28. The cost to enter is \$15 and due by Friday. The cost will guarantee a T-shirt. Late registration can be done the day of the race from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. All proceeds benefit CASA of Riley County. To register, contact Marissa at mdorau@ksu.edu.

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Charity 5k aims to involve students

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

For the fourth consecutive year, the First Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Freedom 5K Road Race on Sunday, Sept. 14. This year's race will raise money for the Flint Hills Breadbasket, "Because no one ... should go hungry," according to the organization's slogan.

Tamera Garibay, race director, said the race brings in about 100 participants every year, and the same is expected this year.

"That's about what you get in Manhattan, the majority of the people are here from town," she said. "Unfortunately, it's always about the same size of people that you see at any race held here in town because we're kind of away from everybody else."

The event is expected to raise around \$3,500, but Garibay said she would love to see more individuals participate in the race. The usual participant is in his or her mid-twenties and older and several families come out, but rarely does the race have many college contributors.

"It's for a great cause, the Flint Hills Breadbasket," Garibay said. "I think every year we do it for a really

good cause. We are giving cash prizes for the fastest five males and five females in the 5K event.

"For college kids, it's a great way to earn some money if they're fast. It's nice to see some younger kids come and participate."

First place will receive \$75; second place, \$60; third place, \$45; fourth place, \$30; fifth place, \$20. Medals will also be awarded to the top two male and female racers in eight age groups. For those not wishing to participate in an intense run, there is also a 1.5 mile Fun Run and Walk.

Registration for the race will continue up until race day morning at 7:45. Race packets can be picked up until that time and the 5K race will begin at 8:00 a.m. The first 100 entrants will also receive a Freedom 5K T-shirt.

Benefiting the Flint Hills Breadbasket, the race will raise money for an organization whose mission is "to minimize hunger and poverty through the distribution of available food and to nurture projects that help alleviate hunger and poverty," according to the Flint Hills Web site. In 2005, the Breadbasket served over 25,000 families and this race will allow them to contribute even more.

Fraternity wins national awards

By Natalie Crane
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's chapter of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity received several distinguished awards this year.

The Kansas Iota Chapter received the Founder's Cup, the John F. Kennedy Award and did well at the KSU Greek Awards.

None of these accomplishments were easy feats.

The 2008 Phi Kappa Theta Leadership Institute gave K-State's chapter the Founder's Cup award, which recognizes it as the top chapter in the nation. This is the third time in four years that K-State's chapter has won the award.

Fraternity member Matt Rosentreter, senior in human resource management and marketing, said chapters are divided into bronze, silver and gold levels for judging. Only the chapters within the gold level are eligible for the Founder's Cup.

To win this award, the organizations must be outstanding in several things: The number of new and active members they have, house finances and philanthropies. They also must represent leadership within and outside of the fraternity and must have

good standing in the community.

The John F. Kennedy award goes to chapters that have the best new member programs.

"We won the award with our strict anti-hazing policy," Rosentreter said.

Phi Kappa Theta also took home several honors at the 2008 Greek Award Banquet. In the gold division they won the Outstanding Recruitment Programming Award. For silver, they received the Outstanding Risk Management and Scholarship Programming Awards. And finally for bronze, they were given the Outstanding Alumni Relations Programming Award.

Brandon Cutler, assistant director of greek affairs, said that consideration for these awards is based on points and percentages. Each award requires the fraternity to meet high standards. To win a gold award is a high honor.

Cutler said the Phi Kappa Theta chapter was strong and the members had a good way of "aligning action with their mission."

The Kansas Iota Chapter's president, Brett Beier, senior in business management and marketing, said



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN
During its national convention, K-State's Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity was awarded the Founders Cup.

he was very proud that his chapter had earned so many prestigious awards, and was glad to see the fraternity's hard work being respected.

"[It feels] great, like with any award," Beier said. "Every guy contributed to it."

This year, the chapter

will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Phi Kappa Theta. In 1959, Phi Kappa and Theta Kappa Phi officially joined together to form Phi Kappa Theta. This was the first merger of this nature, and since then it has been the only successful one anywhere.

Government control of loan distributors shouldn't worry students

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The U.S. government took full control of giant loan distributors Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac on Sunday.

The takeover has left many students wondering if it will affect their ability to receive financial aid.

David Evans, member of the K-State Institute of Personal Financial Planning and an assistant

professor in family studies and human services, said the takeover should not affect students.

"The takeover of Fannie and Freddie is supposed to help stabilize America's housing market," Evans said. "Students should still be able to get the adequate loans that they need to pay for college."

Evans said the takeover should help students in the long run.

"Upon graduation, it should

be easier for young adults to get loans or a mortgage," he said.

Larry Moeder, director of admissions and student financial assistance, said K-State would continue to offer financial assistance to all students.

"The volume of applications we have received is close to the volume we had last year," Moeder said. "[The takeover] won't affect us at all."

Evans also said banks would benefit the most from the takeover.

over.

"The takeover should increase home values and reduce banks' lack of confidence," Evans said. "Banks may issue loans that may seem riskier."

Not all banks are feeling this newfound confidence.

According to the Associated Press, in April, Bank of America decided to stop issuing "private" student loans because the turmoil in the bond market has made the debt hard to sell to investors.

According to the History News Network, Fannie Mae was created in 1938 as part of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.

It was established to provide local banks with federal money to finance home mortgages. Likewise, Freddie Mac was created in 1970 to compete with Fannie Mae.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac control about 90 percent of the nation's secondary mortgage market.



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TO THE POINT

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

Chivalry is dying with lack of effort

Many would claim that chivalry is dead. We disagree. Chivalry is not dead, but it is dying.

It's sad to think about how uncommon it is, and if it keeps up at the rate it's falling, it'll be gone like a rabbit being chased by a couple of basset hounds. But we must not let chivalry slip away from us as easily as the terrified hare. We must work to keep chivalry alive and thriving.

The best way to do this is pretty simple. Guys, open the door for the girl behind you on your way to the dining hall; hold the elevator for the girl racing to make it to her first class, and when the gal behind you at Wal-Mart only has her "10 item or less" armful, let her jump ahead of you and your overflowing basket of Gatorade and fruit snacks. Do the little things that make life less of a hassle. It doesn't take much effort to be polite, and after a while it starts to come naturally. When you're walking home late and pass a girl walking by herself, give her a smile and a wave to make her feel safer.

These are just the little things, nothing that takes much effort on your part but still lends a hand. We need to work to keep chivalry alive. It's an important part of our culture and it would be a sad day if we ever saw it slip away from us.

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Outstanding pick
Palin is a perfect, moderate choice for McCain

During her acceptance speech for the Republican Party's vice presidential nomination, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin said the profound dislike of Sen. John McCain by Sen. Harry Reid – D, was “proof that we had chosen the right man.”

The same logic shows why Palin is the best possible choice to fill out the GOP ticket.

The Democrats, of course, are beside themselves. How could someone who has only been governor for two years be the running mate? She has no foreign policy experience, they said. David Axelrod, Barack Obama's campaign manager told Fox News, “All she's done is read a couple of speeches.”

Doesn't this sound familiar? Weren't these the same criticisms of Obama just a few years ago?

McCain's choice of Palin is certainly a gamble. His main argument against Obama – that he isn't experienced enough to be president – was slowly giving him traction in the polls, and the choice of Palin undermines that message.

But McCain was in a jam with his VP choice. He could either pick a more moderate candidate, like Independent Joe Lieberman, but face the ire of his Republican base. Or he could pick a more conservative candidate who would please the right wing of the party but would then lose the crucial Independent vote. Either way, his recent gains against Obama would be subverted.

In Palin, McCain found a candidate who could do both. Her conservative stances on issues like abortion, gun control and energy make her the darling of the conservative base.

But don't discount her ability to appeal to moderates. Similar to McCain, Palin has a record as a reformer in politics and isn't afraid to go against her own party.

At the Republican convention she said, “I took on the old politics as usual in Juneau. I stood up to the special interests, the lobbyists, big oil companies, and the good ol' boys.”

This certainly wasn't the most popular moment of her speech, as Republican Conventions are largely filled with special interest groups, lobbyists, oil advocates and good ol' boys.

The American public has shown it will accept an inexperienced candidate as long as they don't prove any inadequacies. If Obama had stumbled at all during the primaries, if he even for a moment didn't look “presidential,” he would have lost.

The same is true for Palin. The next few months will be a trial by fire for the

Alaska governor. She already has endured intense media scrutiny full of scandals, rumors and smears, and it has only been a week.

Despite it all, she carried herself with poise and delivered an electric speech at the Republican Convention. If she is able to hold the same kind of unflinching confidence for the final eight weeks of this campaign, her inexperience will be a non-issue among supporters, just as it has become for Obama.

Both polls and fundraising show that McCain has made the right choice. A Gallup poll released early this week showed McCain-Palin up by 10 percent over Obama-Biden among likely voters.

And the campaign raised nearly \$10 million dollars in the two days following the Palin announcement, according to The Associated Press. This fundraising ability is crucial when facing an Obama campaign with much more cash.

Once the hype of Palin wears off, this race will go back to being mostly about McCain and Obama. But Palin is the game-changer that McCain needed to stay in contention.

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VP hopeful might be hiding the truth about son's birth

Bristol Palin has become a household name over night.

Sen. John McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, stated on Sept. 1 that Bristol is five-months pregnant and is planning to marry the father of her baby.

However, recent Internet rumors have surfaced, primarily on *iReport.com*, stating that the pregnancy is a hoax.

Why would the vice presidential hopeful tell the press a lie that could actually hinder her career?

Many are saying it might be a cover up for the undocumented birth of Palin's fifth child, Trig, who is now rumored to be Bristol's son. Trig was born with Down's Syndrome on April 18.

While the story does sound completely ridiculous, believers make valid points to support the rumor, which was first announced by Anchorage Daily News.

No media outlet, or even Palin for that matter, has tried to deny the rumor.

Palin's pregnancy with Trig came as quite a surprise to the public, as it was not announced until she was seven months along.

In the video released to the public, Palin was sitting behind a cluttered desk, her belly hidden. She also lacked the expected excitement of a woman in her position.

Amazingly, the public had no idea, as she showed no signs of being pregnant and had hiked Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska less than a month before.

One argument for Palin is she might not have shown because Down's Syndrome babies typically have a low birth weight. She is also 44 years old, which increases her chances of having a Down's Syndrome baby.

However, Bristol was 17, which also increases her chances of having a child with Down's Syndrome. Coincidentally, Bristol had not only been out of the public view but also out of school for the last five months of Trig's pregnancy.

The family claimed that she had mononucleosis, an infection that is usually completely clear after two months. Some of her classmates

claimed that Bristol looked to be gaining weight before her extended absence.

In fact, if you look at pictures taken of the family around this time, it seems a little odd that Bristol definitely had what could be considered a baby bump.

This instantly triggers an obvious red flag to the public. After not showing any progress, one would think she would have been hospitalized.

There are also many gaps in Palin's account of her labor and giving birth to Trig.

According to *iReport.com*, Palin went into labor just hours before giving an important speech in Dallas on April 18. She decided to give the speech then hop into an airplane to return to Alaska, still in labor.

The pilot and attendants of the plane claim she was calm and did not look like she was in labor, let alone pregnant.

Typically, women are not supposed to board any flight after their sixth month of pregnancy.

“Maybe they shouldn't have let me fly, but I wasn't showing much so they didn't know,” Palin told The Wall Street Journal.

After arriving in Alaska,

Palin gave birth to Trig in Mat-Su Regional Hospital in Walissa, 650 miles away from her doctor, Cathy Baldwin Johnson, who supposedly delivered the child. However, there is no record of Trig's birth at Mat-Su Regional.

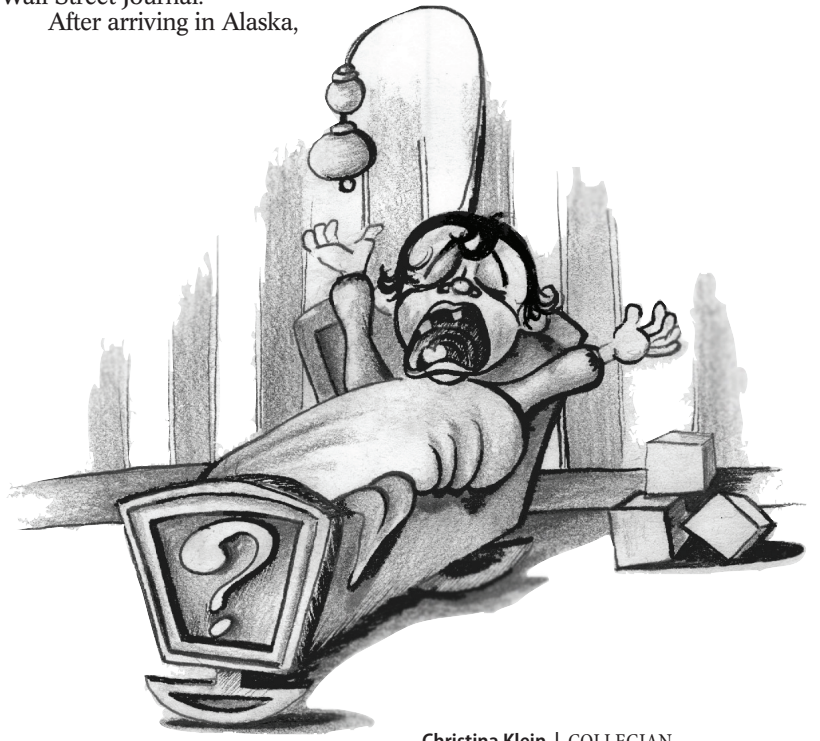
The last and probably strongest argument in Palin's favor is that the rumor sounds like it's straight out of a Lifetime movie plot. The rumor could easily be cleared up with simple documentation, like Trig's birth certificate, stating the place, date and mother of the child.

However, Palin is not supplying documentation or even an interview to suppress the rumor.

If it were true, you can almost guarantee that McCain wouldn't have chosen her to stand by his side, and even then, the Republican party would have gone to great lengths making sure this information was not leaked.

Obviously, the woman is trying to hide something.

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It's just a matter of time before Michael Beasley gets caught with the same thing.

Girl who is looking for man: I can be your man. All I need is a description.

Dearest Fourum: Please inform that single junior girl from yesterday that I may be her man.

Excuse me? We need a gentleman's ad in the Collegian?

West Hall fish tank is now taking applications for the fish RA.

No, I won't have sex with you, but you can date me anyway.

The influence of hip-hop on education: high school dropouts.

I don't think much since I got married.

Dear Lydia Peele: The back of your head is ridiculous.

Thanks, Derek — that's definitely going to leave a bruise.

My roommate's got the music in her.

So I guess the IFC thinks the chapter of the month is the one with the most MIPs. Guess we'll have to try harder next month.

Let's just be fun buddies.

If you throw chicken cutlets at the zoo, they will stick.

To the track girl who steals bikes, wouldn't it be faster to run away with them?



To read the full Fourum, check out www.kstatecollegian.com.

Modern knights

Men keep importance of chivalry alive

By Katie Morford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Has chivalry gone the way of the flat-earth theory and eight-track tapes? Not necessarily, said some K-State students.

"I believe that chivalry is alive on the K-State campus based off my interactions between other students," said Joe Nguyen, sophomore in philosophy. "There are people that still use courteous gestures, like holding doors open for others. For me, chivalrous actions could never die out, only the definition of the acts change."

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, "chivalrous" acts are "marked by honor, generosity, and courtesy; marked by gracious courtesy and high-minded consideration, especially to women."

Traditional chivalrous deeds call for the gentleman to open or hold doors for women, pay the bill on a date, follow the "ladies first" principle and offer a coat if she's cold. Less common acts of chivalry include walking on the edge of the sidewalk closest to the street, carrying a woman's bags and giving up a seat for her if all others are occupied.

Some said they feel chivalry is dying among today's younger generation. Josh Farr, senior in biology, said he believes many people are not accustomed to chivalry. "When a guy pulls out a chair, it almost turns the girl off because she hasn't been taught how to react to it."

Traditional acts of chivalry can offend women who feel the acts treat them as unequal to men. Others said they find it awkward. Jessica Hensley, junior in political science, said she thinks chivalry can be taken too far.

"To say that we live in a different world now is a completely valid point," she

said. "For example, I am perfectly capable of pulling out my own chair and getting in and out of a car by myself."

Men have taken note of both perspectives. Jeff Woodward, senior in mechanical engineering, said it seems women are tending to dislike traditional acts of chivalry because of societal pressure for equality, leading to the common refrain "chivalry is dead."

Mary Todd, director of the K-State Women's Center, said students need to be careful because not all acts of chivalry have innocent motives. They can be used by a "wolf in sheep's clothing" to gain good repute.

"A chivalrous act in the beginning of the evening does not mean necessarily an honorable heart later on," she said. "Real chivalry is from the

heart. Protect someone's honor by honoring them. Really be a man of integrity, even if that means standing up to others and being prepared to defend your actions."

Though acts of chivalry can be awkward or offensive to some, and abused by others, true chivalry still exists on our campus, particularly in different student groups that promote it among members. The K-State chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity, founded in 1921 as an agricultural club, is known on campus for its chivalrous men.

"We emphasize that for true chivalry to occur, one must not separate the social aspect from the moral aspect," said Matt Tippin, FarmHouse member and senior in pre-dentistry, food science and industry. "FarmHouse has established its reputation for being gentlemen



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as a result of its foundation in Biblical truths."

FarmHouse member Luke Finley, senior in speech communication, said his fraternity's emphasis on developing social character is rooted in the expectations and example of the upperclassmen. "Chivalry shows a woman that she has value and importance outside of her appearance," he said.

Tippin reiterated the conceptual aspect of chivalry, stating, "I don't believe chivalry is entirely about actions, but more about a heart of humility."

Michael Proctor, senior

in finance, has a similar view to Finley when it comes to practicing chivalry, and said "I think most people don't think about it, but I think it's contagious."

For example, he said, if one person holds the door, the others will also; if a person lets the door shut in another's face, the next person won't hold it.

However chivalry is learned, most proponents of chivalry agree the point is to benefit the other person.

"A small gesture can go a long way in making someone feel important," said Bethany Campbell, senior in athletic training.

THE ENTERTAINMENT GURU

Lil Wayne: Best rapper alive because of his impressive lyrics and beats



ERIC DAVIS

Q: I have heard a lot of people say Lil' Wayne is the best rapper alive. Why was he given that label?

A question like this requires a two-part answer. The first and most

salient is the way he manipulates words and phrases like no one before his time.

His most recent album, "Tha Carter III," is, I think, the most amazing example of this fact. Many of the lyrics in Wayne's songs work on more than one level.

The first single from the album, "Lollipop," was released and immediately demonstrated the lyrical prowess we have come to expect.

The song, a tribute to oral sex, tells the story of a woman Wayne met that likes to give as much as he loves to receive.

The line "he so sweet make her wanna lick the wrapper" is

brilliance. It further demonstrates Wayne's ability to take a group of words and make it mean more than its first impression.

While Wayne can come up with lyrics that have double meanings, he can also take two words that sound similar and combine them.

My favorite example of this can be heard in the remix of "Lollipop." In the third verse of the song, Wayne raps "safe sex is great sex/ better wear a latex/ 'cause you don't want that late text/ that, 'I think I'm late' text/ so wrap it up."

There are examples of this in almost every song that features Wayne, and each only adds

to the argument that no other rapper handles his words like the Martian.

The second part of the answer is that the building block to any great rap song is the beat, and Wayne has worked with some of the greatest producers in the game.

For "Tha Carter III," Wayne enlisted the help of producers like Kanye West, David Banner and Swizz Beatz.

While every beat on the album is well constructed, perhaps the best came from Kanye West and Deezele.

The two teamed up to produce "Let the Beat Build," which is

lyrically and musically the smartest song on the album.

When I first bought the album, the only time I felt the lyrics were lacking was in this song. After listening to it over again, I heard what West and Deezele were aiming for.

The main elements of the song, the beat and the lyrics work together and build from something plain to something complex, large and amazing.

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CELEBRITY NEWS

Brangelina related to Obama, Clinton based on geneological studies

This could make for one odd family reunion: Barack Obama is a distant cousin of actor Brad Pitt, and Hillary Rodham Clinton is related to Pitt's girlfriend, Angelina Jolie.

Researchers at the New England Historic Genealogical Society found some remarkable family connections for the three presidential candidates — Democratic rivals Obama and Clinton, and Republican John McCain.

Clinton, who is of French-Canadian descent on her mother's side, is also a distant cousin of singers Madonna, Celine Dion and Alanis Morissette. Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya, can call six U.S. presidents, including George W. Bush, his cousins. McCain is a sixth cousin of first lady Laura Bush.

"You'd think with all that singing talent in the family she'd be able to carry a tune," Clinton's senior adviser Philippe Reines said. "But now it makes much more sense how she snagged a Grammy." Clinton won for best spoken word Grammy in 1997 for "It Takes a Village."

Genealogist Christopher Child said that while the candidates often focus on pointing out differences between them, their ancestry shows they are more alike than they think.

"It shows that lots of different people can be related, people you wouldn't necessarily

expect," Child said.

Obama has a prolific presidential lineage that features Democrats and Republicans. His distant cousins include President George W. Bush and his father, George H.W. Bush, Gerald Ford, Lyndon Johnson, Harry S. Truman and James Madison.

Other Obama cousins include Vice President Dick Cheney, British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill and Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Obama often jokes about his cousin Cheney at campaign appearances. "His kinships are across the political spectrum," Child said.

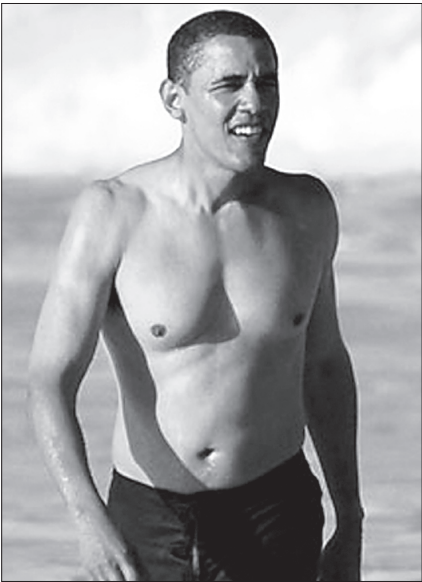
Child has spent the last three years tracing the candidates' genealogy, along with senior research scholar Gary Boyd Roberts, author of the 1989 book, "Ancestors of American Presidents."

Clinton's distant cousins include beatnik author Jack Kerouac and Camilla Parker-Bowles, wife of Prince Charles of England.

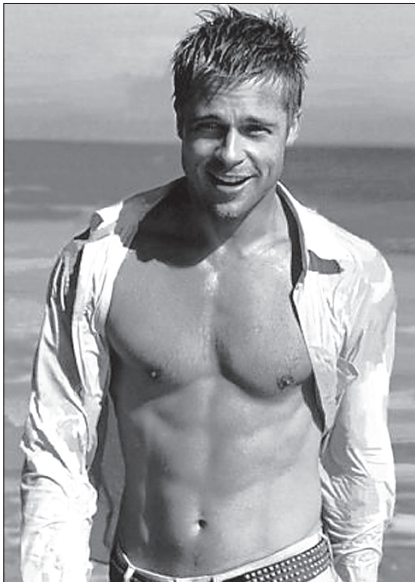
McCain's ancestry was more difficult to trace because records on his relatives were not as complete as records for the families of Obama and Clinton, Child said.

Obama and President Bush are 10th cousins, once removed, linked by Samuel Hinkley of Cape Cod, who died in 1662.

Pitt and Obama are ninth cousins,



Presidential candidate **Barack Obama** (LEFT) and movie star **Brad Pitt** (RIGHT) have been linked by a geneological study as distant cousins.



COURTESY PHOTOS

linked by Edwin Hickman, who died in Virginia in 1769. Ben LaBolt, a spokesman for the Obama campaign, declined to comment on the senator's ancestry.

Clinton and Jolie are ninth cousins, twice removed, both related to Jean Cusson who died in St. Sulpice, Quebec, in 1718.

— huffingtonpost.com

One, and then some

Retiring Beasley's jersey would help university



JON GARTEN

For one year, Michael Beasley was the face of K-State. He led a group of talented freshmen to the Wildcats' best season in about 20 years. Without him, it's hard to imagine K-State ending its home losing streak to Kansas or making it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

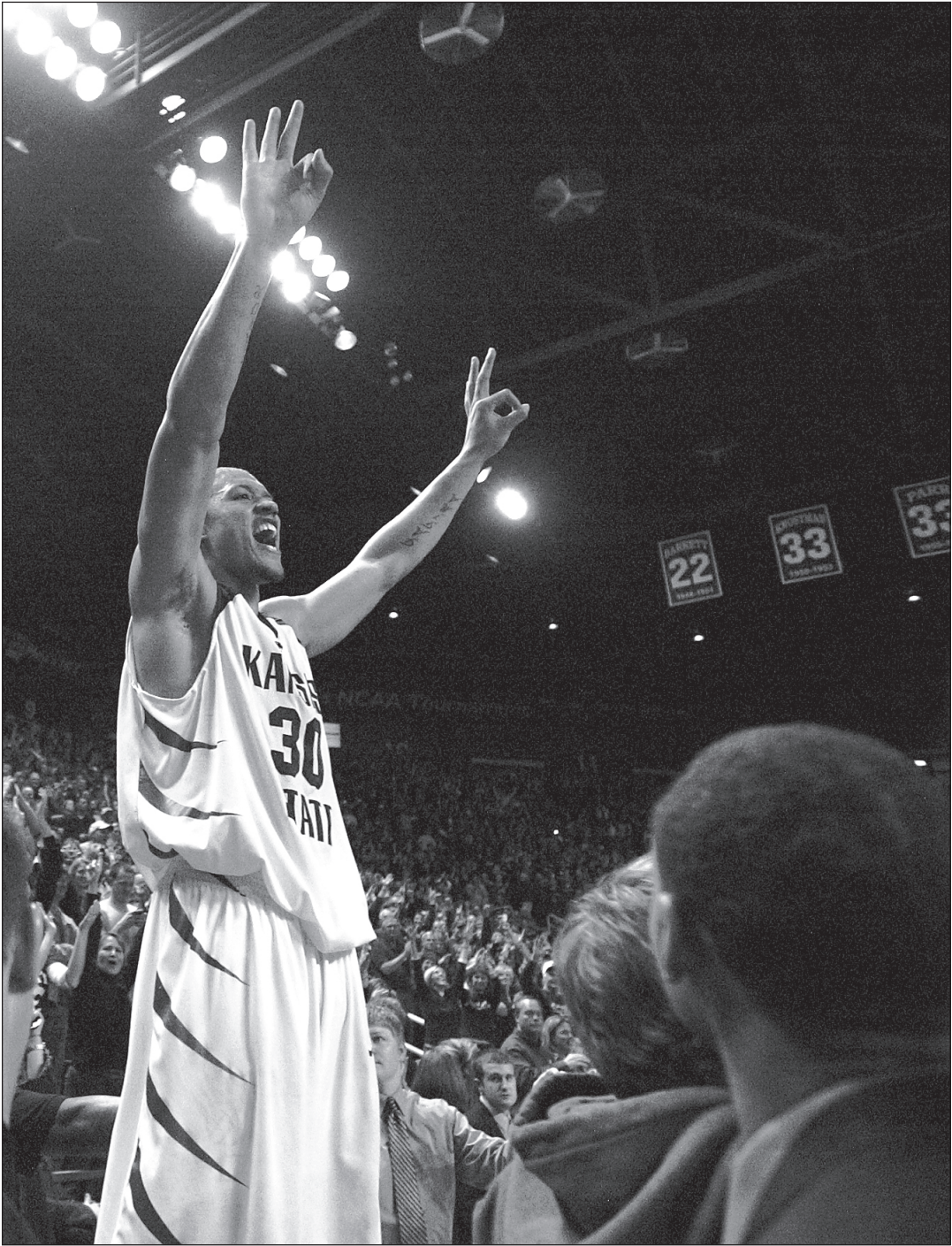
With the news that Texas plans to retire Kevin Durant's jersey, it's not surprising that K-State is considering doing the same with Beasley. Athletic Director Bob Krause would be smart to get this done sooner than later.

"He's a consensus All-American, which is one of the biggest requirements," Krause said in a Collegian article last Thursday. "He's done a tremendous amount for the program. If you look at connecting to the program, which is terribly important, I understand why Texas did that with Durant.

"It's a matter for the young recruits out there. We've had some dialogue about it but haven't made any decisions. But certainly it's on our radar screen."

However, some fans don't think this is such a bright idea. The following comment is from Collegian's Fourum on Friday: "Why would you retire Beasley's jersey? He didn't even want to come to K-State."

This probably represents how many people feel about retiring Beasley's jersey. He did, after all, leave after one year. But would you? If someone offered you millions of dollars, would you turn it



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Michael Beasley celebrates after K-State's victory against KU in Bramlage Coliseum. After just one year at K-State, Beasley declared for the NBA Draft, where he was chosen second overall by the Miami Heat. Athletic Director Bob Krause has said that he is considering retiring Beasley's jersey in Bramlage.

down and risk getting injured and losing it all?

It's impossible to know if K-State was Beasley's ideal school, but he seemed to have fun while he was here.

He wasn't causing trouble or calling out Frank Martin and Jon Wefald in the media. In other words, he brought nothing but pride and positive publicity to a school that needed both.

So why not retire Beasley's jersey? Imagine this scenario that could play out during the 2009-2010 men's basketball season:

Beasley pulls up to Bram-

lage Coliseum in his custom white Hummer. Krause greets him and congratulates him for a monster rookie season with the Miami Heat. He reminds Beasley of all the renovations going on with K-State sports. Remember, Beasley made more than \$4 million in his rookie year.

Then it's Martin's turn. He wants to introduce Beasley to some top recruits who are visiting K-State. How cool would it be for them to meet an NBA superstar?

Then comes the main event. An announcer reads Beasley's biography over the

loud speakers. Wefald hands him a framed Beasley jersey and mauls him with a bear hug. Then the jersey is up in the rafters for recruits and fans all around the nation to see.

There's no reason to be bitter about K-State retiring Beasley's jersey.

This is the way for Beasley to help K-State even though he's no longer playing for the Wildcats.

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News in the sports world

PATS QB, TOM BRADY, OUT FOR SEASON WITH INJURY

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is out for the season with a left knee injury that will require surgery. The 2007 NFL Most Valuable Player will be placed on injured reserve, the Patriots said Monday, one day after his knee was injured in the first quarter of a 17-10 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

BRADY

A statement issued before coach Bill Belichick's news conference said Brady will have surgery, ending his 128-game starting streak, the third longest for a quarterback.

Brady left Sunday's game against Kansas City after he was hit by Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard. Brady was not available for comment, but reports circulated around the league that he had torn his anterior cruciate ligament.

"We feel badly for Tom about the injury," Belichick said while not confirming the exact injury. You hate to see anyone go down. No one has worked harder or done more for this team than Tom has."

K-STATE, FSN ANNOUNCE BASKETBALL TV SLATE

Fox Sports Kansas City will broadcast 10 K-State men's basketball games in 2008-09 season, the school and network announced on Tuesday.

The regional sports network will produce and distribute 10 men's basketball games, including three key Big 12 Conference contests. The television schedule opens on Friday, Nov. 14, with the regular-season opener against Florida A&M at Bramlage Coliseum.

The addition of the 10 games on FSN Kansas City completes a comprehensive television schedule for the Wildcats with a total of 26 regular-season telecasts, including all 16-conference games. The team will have eight nationally-televised games, including seven on the ESPN family of networks. The squad will also have eight regular-season league games broadcast as a part of the newly-branded Big 12 Conference Television network, which replaces the former ESPN Plus regional package.

— K-State Sports Information

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Women look to improve from last year

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Emily Dittmore has faced much adversity during her career as a runner with the women's cross country team. After struggling through injuries during her sophomore year, she overcame the obstacles and became an active member of the 2007 team.

After returning from injury, the cross country team finished 12th in the Big 12 Conference championship meet, just three points behind Kansas.

Dittmore said she has learned from the adversity in her career and has her sights on proving to the Big 12 that K-State can compete this year.

"I really believe that this is our year," Dittmore said. "We have come away empty-handed the past few years, and our team is bound and determined not to let that happen again."

The team made its first step toward its goal of finishing higher in the conference standings on Saturday, as they finished first at the Wichita State Gold Classic.

Senior runner Beverly Ramos led the Wildcats, taking first place in the women's 4K race. Ramos crossed the finish line with a time of 13:33.97, 30 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Kelyn Johnson of host team Wichita State.

Head coach Michael



The K-State women's cross country team competes in a meet last year. The team finished first in its first meet of the year at the Wichita State Gold Classic.

COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Smith said he was impressed with Ramos as well as the women's race as a team.

"It was a dominating performance," Smith said.

With the first-place finish and the performance of Ramos in Saturday's meet, Smith said he thinks the women's team can finish in the top half of the conference at the end of the year.

Dittmore will have her first chance to race against a Big 12 foe in the team's next meet on Sep. 20 in Lincoln, Neb. She said it will be a good opportunity for the team to measure its progress.

"I think this will be a good meet for our team because it puts us up against another Big 12 school," Dittmore said. "Nebraska is a good team for us to measure ourselves against."

Smith said Nebraska is a

good matchup and an indicator of where his team stands. He said his goal for the meet is to finish near Nebraska, which finished third in last year's conference championship, in the standings.

"They are probably better than us on paper," Smith said. "But we will see when we get up there ... Nebraska is such a strong team, but if we can get some great performances out of our three through seven runners, anything is possible."

Following the Nebraska meet, Dittmore and the team will have two meets to prepare for its showing at the Big 12 championship meet.

Smith said he treats the meets leading up to the Big 12 championships as an opportunity to train and prepare his runners for the conference meet.

"In this sport, you get measured by how you perform at the Big 12 meet," Smith said. "So all of these other meets have to be used as tools to get you ready for that and that is our focus."

Looking to conquer yet another obstacle in her K-State career, Dittmore said she is confident in this team and believes that they have become stronger over the course of summer training and their first meet of the year.

"This year our team collectively has gotten stronger," Dittmore said. "If we all do what we are capable of doing, we should turn a lot of heads by our performance."

"Sometimes when everyone is counting you out, that is the best time to shine, and I am confident that this is our year to shine."

FOOTBALL

Louisville game will not slow football players' academics

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The 2008 K-State football team is 2-0 after convincing wins against North Texas and Montana State, and along with the team's success on the field, head coach Ron Prince and players said they are having similar success in the classroom.

Wide receiver Brandon Banks, a junior college transfer from Bakersfield College in California, said the transition from a junior college to a Big 12 Conference school has not been too difficult.

"Classes are going pretty well," Banks said. "The only thing that's different is that there's not 20 people in your class — it's more like 300 people. Classes are harder, there's a little bit more work, but school is school."

Banks said the coaching staff has assistants who go to the players' class, where players are supposed to sign an attendance sheet before class. Banks also said the punishment for not going to class can include extra tasks like running at practice or reprimands like taking away tickets reserved for that players' guests.

"We usually just have

to run as our punishment, but you never know with Coach Prince," Banks said.

Senior defensive end Ian Campbell said he thinks players on the team are doing a better job of attending classes this year than previous years.

"I think we have had a lot better attendance this year," Campbell said. "I think our academic staff does a real good job of making sure everyone is going to class."

The next game for the Wildcats will be next Wednesday at Louisville. The game against Louisville is K-State's first road game of the season and will come on a day when most other college football players are practicing or studying for classes. The team members will miss all their classes on Wednesday and some on Thursday, but Prince said he will give the players ample time to make up school work before and after the game.

"We have a lot of time on both sides of the game," Prince said.

The game will be aired live on ESPN2 at 7 p.m. — a fact Banks said he is looking forward to.

"I'm really excited," he said. "It's actually my dream to play on ESPN."

Intl. military students visit as learning experience

By Sarah Burford
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

One hundred and six military officers from all over the world came to K-State on Tuesday to experience American culture and learn about agriculture.

The International Military Students came from Fort Leavenworth, where they attend U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. The trip to K-State and to other towns in the United States is part of their 50-week program.

“It gives them the opportunity to learn not only about the university system, but also about the agricultural system,” said Teena Barber, public affairs officer for IMS at Fort Leavenworth, “so they can take that back to their own countries as well.”

Many of these students have already received degrees and are mid-career; they often go back to their countries to become heads of ministries in the government and military.

Barber said that at K-State, the students can observe how the American agricultural system is a big part of the economy. They can also share the information they learn with American officers back at the base.

“They usually question why they are going to K-State,” Barber said. “But once they’ve gone there and have heard about agriculture they appreciate hearing the speeches.”

Steven Graham, assistant to the dean and director in the agriculture department, welcomed the officers to campus and served as the contact person for their visit. He said most of the officers come from



Lt. Col. Teena Barber, public affairs officer for International Military Students at Fort Leavenworth, jokes with IMS **Mamuka Shiukashvili** from Georgia. Barber came with 106 IMS to visit the K-State campus and to hear speeches about agricultural technology and methods.

developing countries, which depend on agriculture for their economies.

“The relationship between the military and agricultural world is a lot closer than our own country may appear,” Barber said.

She said the officers could learn how to solve issues such as how to regenerate crops once they are destroyed by military vehicles, by learning more about agriculture.

Graham explained that K-State is based on uniting research with teaching so that information can reach outside the university to citizens.

“[We’re] getting across those points [about agriculture] and emphasizing the research and extension system, which is fairly unique in the world,” Graham said.

K-State has a research and extension program

because it is a land-grant university – the nation’s first, in fact – which means the government funded it, so K-State would be responsible for researching and then extending that research to citizens. In other countries, ministries might be separate so they cannot benefit from all the institutions’ information.

“Other [universities] are just teaching,” Graham said. “We research and extend it to other counties and to citizens. It’s one of the only universities in Kansas that is charged to do that.”

He said the students can see the benefits of this university structure when they come to K-State. In other countries, the universities and government are separate, so they can not benefit from each other.

“We have a great system here that really

works,” Graham said.

The students heard presentations not only about K-State in general but also about K-State’s agriculture research. The speech

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For more on this story be sure to check out www.kstatecollegian.com for a podcast about the International Military Students.



CAMPUS BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

International Student Volunteers, a nonprofit organization, is looking for fun, outgoing students who want an opportunity to travel. ISV will have informational sessions on Thursday.

ISV selects college students for adventure or volunteer tours to places like Australia, Eastern Europe and South Africa. The standard program lasts for one month, but students can alter the length of their trips, according to a press release.

Students spend half the trip volunteering on projects, in either social community development or conservation. The second half of the trip is a “cultural and adventure” tour of countries of the students’ choice.

The press release said ISV takes more than 4,000 students on its trips each year. Academic credit for the trip might also be available, according to the press release.

Information sessions for ISV are scheduled for every hour on the hour from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the K-State Student Union, room 207. More information on the program can be found at www.isvonline.org or by contacting ISV representative Chris Kessell, chris.isv@hotmail.com.

LAST DAY TO RECEIVE

REFUND APPROACHES

The last day for students to receive 100-percent refunds for dropping classes is Sunday, according to the university calendar.

The last day for students to receive 50-percent refunds for regular classes is Sept. 21. Since both dates fall on Sundays, the refunds must be processed no later than the next business days in Enrollment Services, 210 Willard Hall between 8:15 a.m. and noon, or between 1 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.

CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF WITH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The All-University Campaign will kick off the year with an ice cream social for faculty and staff at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

Flavia Hulsey, development publications coordinator, said the campaign specifically focuses on the participation of employees, faculty, staff, the K-State Alumni Association, the KSU Foundation and K-State Athletics in giving to the university, according to a press release.

The campaign began in 2006 as a part of the Changing Lives Campaign. This year’s campaign title, “Unity and Pride Campaign,” implies that the faculty and staff can become unified by giving to K-State.

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AGGIEVILLE | Now and then

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essential building block of the area, found itself in need of expansion. Varney's purchased the Dark Horse Tavern in 1989, and major expansion and remodeling was completed.

Walters said that like the Dark Horse Tavern, many businesses in Aggieville found themselves disappearing as turnover rates heightened.

"There is a lot of turnover in business, and I would guess that in any 30-year period, half the businesses come and go," he said.

TODAY

The Aggieville that Manhattan residents have come to know has undergone several changes since its begin-

nings as a single-frame building.

As of this month, Junior Sicard of Junior's Barber Shop in Aggieville has been a Manhattan resident and Aggieville barber for the last 50 years. For 47 years, Sicard has owned his own shop, and he has noticed that though the same basic retail exists, the atmosphere has lightened.

"I suppose it's just the regular changes just like everywhere else — it's grown. I think it's pretty much the same as it's always been. We've got taverns, barber shops, clothing stores and restaurants," Sicard said. "I think the atmosphere has changes yet. We went through the hippie days and stuff like that. I think it's much calm-

er. I think more people like coming up here during the day than they used to."

One of the most important developing aspects of Aggieville is the welcoming of college students to the historical heart of Manhattan.

"I suppose the student orientation is both important and unique to Aggieville. It is a student center for shopping and socializing," Walter said. "Many people have had their shot at the American dream in Aggieville — starting their own business and watching it grow."

"Typically, it takes a large amount of commitment to start any business, and Aggieville is no different. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into making these small businesses work."

TODAY | Comparing the 'Apples'

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said she hopes that stereotype begins to change. Political issues like both sides here, but the media plays into the stereotype that we are polarized and divided as a nation."

Kite's owner Rusty Wilson said he was excited about Holt's visit.

"It's great for me because it's an honor to have someone of that caliber of media here," he said. "I'm getting free publicity for

Kite's.

The segment recorded will be part of NBC's Weekend Today this Saturday at 7 a.m., which Holt co-anchors with Amy Robach.

STUDENTS | Georgians tour campus

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about biotechnology — a somewhat controversial topic — was especially interesting to the students, Graham said, as it is every year.

"Everyone's awake and paying attention to that one," he said.

Kanat, an IMS from Kyrgystan, said people from his country sometimes prefer to do things the "old way" and

are skeptical of technology like bioengineering.

Mamuka Shiukashvili, an IMS from Georgia, said he learned what K-State is doing to improve the agricultural process.

"It's something completely different from what we have in Georgia," he said. "It was helpful information. I will try to explain to [people in Georgia] what I heard."

Oleksii Kuzminov, an IMS from Ukraine, said the visit was an important part of the study program and since seeing the university, he would consider sending his daughter here for college.

"For them, coming here and being able to discuss agriculture and how this could help other nations has been tremendous," Barber said. "The benefit that they reap will be in the future."

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